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MEDIA REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE Ottawa, Kansas Homicides Explanation Why Not Full AMBER Alert

We have received inquiries regarding the timing of the request for assistance and why a full AMBER alert was not issued. The KBI received the request for an AMBER alert by fax at 3:43 p.m. on May 8th, 2013 from the Franklin county Sheriff's office. The media release was prepared and issued at 3:57 p.m., approximately 14 minutes later.

A full AMBER alert was not issued primarily for two reasons:

- The media had been actively following the case for several days now and the information, including pictures of the missing child, have been widely circulated.
- Utilizing the Emergency Alert System (EAS) at this point to interrupt broadcasts by the media would not enhance coverage and be an improper taking of private property given the delayed request.

Other than not utilizing the EAS system to interrupt broadcasts, all aspects of an AMBER alert are being utilized.